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1. Croff family.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN CROFF OF WARE, MASS.

John Croff is thought to have been born about the year 1741 at Marblehead, Mass. He was married to Elizabeth Simonds, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Simonds on November 30, 1765. Elizabeth was born at Ware on July 2, 1748. John served in Capt. Isaac Gray's company, Col. Jona Brewster's regiment as a private during the Revolutionary War. John died about 1820, over seventy years of age; Elizabeth lived to be ninety years of age.

Children: (a. and b. not on record, the remainder at Ware, Mass.

a. Ezra	b. about 1768	M. Eunice Woolcut
b. Sally	b. about 1770	M. John Woolcut
c. John	b. Feb 15, 1773	Died unmarried
d. Nathan	b. Mar 4, 1776	M. Lois Webster
e. Joel	b. Jun 12, 1779	M. Betsey Marsh
f. Judah	b. Mar 12, 1782	Died unmarried
g. Elizabeth	b. Apr 26, 1784	M. Abel Amon
h. Abner	b. Aug 10, 1787	M. Roxa Eddy
i. Joseph	b. Jun 29, 1790	M. Chloe Collins

II Ezra Croff (son of John I) born (probably at Ware, Mass.) about 1768. Married Eunice Woolcut. They lived in Ware or vicinity until they had several children, and then they moved to what was then known as the "Holland Purchase". They eventually went to Sparta, Co., N. Y.

Children: (

a. William	b. about 1790	
b. James	b. about 1792	
c. Ezra	b. about 1794	M. Marie Dow
d. Dwight	b. about 1796	Died unmarried
e. Lucy	b. about 1798	M. John Curtis
f. Diana	b. about 1800	M. Aaron Kinsman

II Nathan Croff (John 1) born in Ware, Mass., 4 Mar 1776, the son of John and Elizabeth (Simonds) Croff. He married Lois Webster, daughter of Capt. Constant Webster, after their marriage they removed to Orangeville, Genessee (now Wyoming) Co., N.Y. Nathan died in 1817 and his wodow married (2) Jacob Bartlett and (3) James Fales. All of the following children were by the first husband, Nathan Croff.

Nathan	
Abner	b. 1809
Webster	
William	died at five years of age
William	
John	
	M. Daniel Tupper
	M._____Kinsman
Orlando Riley	b. 1817, three months after his fathers death

II Sally Croff (Dau. of John 1) born about 1770. Married John Woolcut. The "intention of marriage" as entered in the town records of Western (now Warren) Mass., is dated Aug 3, 1787, and reads "both of Western."

Children: (Perhaps more than shown

a. Lyman

b. Olive

c. Phila

d. Betsey

II Joel Croff (son of John 1) born in Ware, Mass., June 12, 1779. Married Nov 7, Betsey Marsh, dau. of Judah and Elizabeth Marsh of Ware, where she was born Sep 21, 1781. After their marriage they lived a short time in Western (now Warren) Mass., but returned to Ware, and lived with his father on the old Simonds farm. In the year 1840 they moved to South Wallingford, Vt., where he died in 1862, at the age of 83. She died Apr 20, 1858, aged 76. They had eleven children. In the town records at Ware the births are recorded as Croft, but in the old family Bible, still preserved, the name is spelled Croff. The children adopted the terminal "t" in spelling in place of the "f".

Children: (a. and b. born at Western, the remainder at Ware.

a. Relieft Croft	b. Aug 28, 1800	
b. Fanny	b. Sep 12, 1802	
c. Joel	b. Aug 14, 1804	
d. Dwight	b. Oct 1, 1807	
e. Keyes	b. Mar 23, 1810	d. May 1, 1818
f. Betsey	b. Jan 23, 1812	M. _____ Harris
g. Nathan	b. Aug 7, 1814	
h. Hannah Aiken	b. Jul 28, 1816	
i. John Brakenridge	b. May 6, 1819	Died , Aged 24. dum.
j. Caroline	b. Nov 4, 1821	M. Jason G. Newcomb
k. Fidelia	b. Sep 27, 1827	d. Aug 7, 1830

II Elizabeth Croff (dau. of John 1) born in Ware, Mass., Apr 26, 1784. Married Abel Damon. Died in Ware, Mass.

Children: (born probably at Ware, Mass.
a. Judah Damon

II Abner Croff (son of John 1) born at Ware, Mass., Aug 10, 1787. Married at Wallingford, Vt., Roxa Eddy of Wallingford. When a young man he went to Panlet, Vt. After his marriage he lived at Wallingford for many years, then at Starksbaro, Vt., and at Danby, Vt. He was carpenter and builder by occupation. He died at Danby, May 4, 1857, aged 69 yrs. She died there June 19, 1871, aged 77 yrs.

Children:

a. Samuel Eddy	b. Oct 12, 1812	
b. Noble	b. Mar 20, 1815	
c. Betsey D.	b. Oct 3, 1817	
d. John Fox	b. Oct 11, 1820	
e. Huldah	b. Sep 27, 1823	
f. Marcella	b. Nov 13, 1825	M. 1. _____ Moody, 2. Harvey Parish, d. without children
g. Daniel Vaughn	b. May 10, 1828	
h. Laura Ann	b. Jul 2, 1830	
i. Ezra	b. May 23, 1832	
j. Erastus D.	b. Jul 30, 1835	d. young
k. George E.	b. Apr 16, 1838	d. Mar 31, 1867 dum.

II Joseph Croff (son of John 1) born in Ware, Mass., June 29, 1790. Married in Western (now Warren) Mass., Sep 15, 1814, Chloe Collins of Western. She was born at Northampton, Mass. Aug 27, 1700. They lived at Western, and afterward in the adjoining town of Ware, where she died Feb 6, 1878, aged 87 yrs. He died in Ware, May 24, 1849, aged 59 yrs. The name is spelled both Croff and Croft in the town records of Warren.

Children: (born at Warren, Mass.

a. Sarah	b. Oct 11, 1815	
b. Elizabeth	b. Mar 18, 1818	
c. Mary	b. Jun 15, 1821	
d. Lucy	b. (not recorded)	d. about 17 yrs of age

III William Croff (son of Ezra 2, John 1) born about 1790. Married in 1811, Sophia Cowee, dau. of Capt. William Cowee of Western (now Warren) Mass. Intention of marriage recorded there Apr 20, 1811, between "William Croff and Sophia Cowee, both of Western." She was born Dec 17, 1790, and died at Marshfield, Canada, Mar 26, 1869, aged 78. After their marriage they lived at Sparta, Co., N. Y. He was accidentally drowned in the Niagara River in 1818 or 1819 about seven miles below Buffalo, N. Y., while hunting ducks on the Canadian side.

Children: (born at Sparta, N. Y.

a. Ruth Croff	b. Oct 31, 1812	M. Theodore Nims
b. an infant child	b. no date recorded	
c. William Cowee	b. Jan 28, 1817	

III Relieft Croft (dau. of Joel 2, John 1) born at Warren, Mass., Aug 28, 1800. Married in Ware, Mass., Nov 18, 1819, John Simonds of Ware. They lived in Ware, where he was engaged in farming. She died in Greenwich, Mass., in June 1863, aged 63. We have not found the exact time of his death, but the Ware records give the death of John, son of Judah and Thankful Simonds, Mar 25, 1862, aged 65 yrs and 25 days, and give his birthplace as Ware.

Children: (born in Ware, Mass.

a. Keyes	b. Mar 11, 1820	d. Dec 5, 1878 at Solger Creek, Kansas, Age 58
b. Martin	b. Dec 2, 1821	M. Louisa Newton dum.
c. Relief	b. Jan 22, 1825	M. Joseph Radcliffe
d. Joel Dwight	b. Nov 22, 1831	M. Sarah Jane Drinkwater

III Fanny Croft (dau of Joel 2, John 1) born at Warren, Mass., Sep 12, 1802. Married Ebenezer Cooley of Greenwich, Mass. They removed to Castleton, Vt., but soon afterwards returned to Ware, where he died at the age of 29 yrs. She married (second) Feb 3, 1835, Philander Winslow of Springfield, Mass. He was born Aug 13, 1790. They lived at Springfield, and both died there.

Children: (Last two at Springfield, Mass.

a. James Cooley		
b. Ebenezer Porter Cooley	b. 1821	M. Ade E. Johnson
c. Laura Hewlitt Cooley	b. 1823	M. John H. Fullers
d. Marie Cooley	b. 1825	d. Dec 3, 1836

Children (second marriage)

a. Charles Westley Winslow	b. Feb 15, 1836	d. Dec 4, 1866
b. Elizabeth Marie	b. May 5, 1837	M. Horace Scott
c. Fanny Louise	b. Feb 29, 1839	M. Chas. L. Wood

III Joel Croft (son of Joel 2, John 1) born at Ware, Mass., Aug 14, 1804. Married in 1825, Mehitable Cook, dau. of Nicholas Cook of Wallingford, Vt. She was born Mar 10, 1805. He was a carpenter by trade, but devoted most of his life to farming. He lived at South Wallingford, Vt., and represented the town of Wallingford in the State Legislature in 1860 and 1861. He removed in 1878 to North Clarendon, Vt., to his son's home, where his wife died Nov 25, 1882, age 77. He died there Feb 13, 1892, age 87. He possessed a fine mind, and was widely respected.

Children: (

a. William	b. Apr 9, 1829	
b. Nicholas	b. Nov 8, 1838	d. Jun 1, 1842

III Dwight Croft (son of Joel 2, John 1) born at Ware, Mass., Oct 1, 1807. Died at Ware, May 30, 1872, age 63 yrs, 6 mos., 10 days. (Ware records) Married Melinda Fuller, dau. of John Fuller of Montague, Mass. She died at Ware, Mar 25, 1857, age 50 yrs, 11 mos. He was a farmer, and lived at Ware, probably on the old John Croff farm.

Children: (

a. Keyes Croft	b.	d. at 24 yrs. dum.

III Nathan Croft (son of Joel 2, John 1) born in Ware, Mass., Aug 7, 1814. Married Jan 1, 1834, Adaline Grant, dau of Capt._____ and Ruth (Cooley) Grant of Greenwich, Mass., where she was born Nov 22, 1812. He removed from Greenwich to Wisconsin in Dec 1855, and subsequently to Magnolia, Rock Co., Minn., where he died Oct 12, 1889, age 75. She died there Nov 25, 1887, age 75. He was a farmer by occupation and held various offices of trust in the towns where he lived, among them those of town treasurer and treasurer of school, etc.

Children: (Born at Greenwich, Mass.

a. William Croft	b. Oct 1835	d. Dec 1840
b. Alfred Cooley	b. Mar 1838	
c. William Nathan	b. Mar 28, 1841	
d. John Brigham	b. Oct 4, 1844	

III Hannah Aiken Croft (dau of Joel 2, John 1) born in Ware, Mass., Jul 28, 1816. Married in 1839, Thomas Stafford of Wallingford, Vt., He was born Mar 26, 1815. They moved from Wallingford to Timemouth, Rutland Co., Vt., where he became owner of a fine farm, now in possession of his eldest son. He died Nov 23, 1872, age 57. She died at Timemouth, May 30, 1867, Age 50.

Children: (b, c, and d at Timemouth, Vt.

a. Bartlett	b. Oct 16, 1840	M. _____Valentine
b. Rollin Croft	b. Nov 13, 1848	M. Ella Cook
c. Elizabeth Jane	b. Nov 29, 1852	M. Clark Brayton
d. John Stutley	b. Jun 1, 1854	d. at Pueblo, Col. Nov 18, 1890, age 36, dum.

III Samuel Eddy Croff (son of Abner 2, John 1) born at Wallingford, Vt., Oct 12, 1812. Married Joanna Thompson, dau of Isreal and Marion (Aldrich) Thompson of Swanzey, N. H., where she was born Apr 2, 1814. He was a painter by trade, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a man who was much respected. They lived at Danby, Vt., where he died Dec 11, 1866, age 54. She died in Putney, Vt., Mar 19, 1886, age 72.

Children: (a. at Wallingford; b, c, and d at Danby, Vt.

a. Roxa Jane	b. Aug 8, 1835	
b. Angelia	b. Aug 15, 1837	
c. Isreal T.	b. Jul 31, 1840	d. at Point of Rocks, Mich., Jan 6, 1863
d. Freelove Ann	b. Mar 3, 1847	M. Milton H. Pember, d. Putney, Vt., Apr 28, 1886 age 41

III Noble Croff (son of Abner 2, John 1) born at South Wallingford, Vt., Mar 20, 1815. Married July 9, 1834, Lucretia Eddy of South Wallingford, where she was born Jul 31, 1816. She died at Huntington, Vt., Sep 14, 1858, age 42. He married (second) May 30, 1859, Emily R. Fay, at Jonesville, Vt. She died there May 24, 1882. He married (third) Feb 22, 1886, Jennie A. Goodrich at Richmond, Vt. He was by occupation a painter, and for many years an honored member of the Masonic fraternity.

Children: (by first marriage) a. Wallingford, Vt.; b. Huntington, Vt.

a. Ruth E.	b. Mar 21, 1835
b. Jennie M.	b. Jun 9, 1843

III John Fox Croff (son of Abner 2, John 1) born at South Wallingford, Vt., Oct 11, 1820. Married Apr 5, 1840, Harriet Newell Bostwick, dau of Gilbert and Lydia Bostwick of Starksborough, Vt., where she was born Jan 8, 1822. He removed to New York State in 1852, and lived at Queensbury and Sanford's Bridge, and eventually purchased a farm at Malone, N. Y., where he died May 14, 1879, age 58. He served in the Civil War, in the 109th N. Y. regiment, with the rank of Captain. He was by occupation a builder and contractor, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Children: (a. Wallingford, b. Hinesburg, c. Starksborough, d., and e. at Danby, g. and h. at Sanford's Bridge, N. Y.

a. Gilbert Bostwick Croff	b. Jan 18, 1841	M. Eliza A. Taft
b. Abner	b. Oct 14, 1843	M. Auguste J. Child
c. Marcella	b. Dec 25, 1845	
d. Delia P.O.	b. Aug 4, 1848	
e. Eugene	b. Jul 29, 1850	d. Jun 3, 1851
f. John Henry	b. Jun 26, 1852	M. Ellen Cisk
g. Isaac M.D.	b. Feb 2, 1855	M. Julia Baldwin
h. Eugene	b. Jun 3, 1858	M. Lena Rood

III Daniel Vaughn Croff (son of Abner 2, John 1) born in Wallingford, Vt., May 10, 1828. Married Aug 24, 1852, Charity Sheldon, dau of Israel and Catherine Sheldon of Danby, Vt. She was born Apr 30, 1829. He was by trade a carpenter, painter and wheelwright. He served in the Civil War, as a musician, in Company K, 14th Vermont Regiment.

Children: (

a. Charles Sheldon	b. Sep 21, 1853	d. May 27, 1856
b. William Henry	b. Jul 4, 1855	
b. George Byron	b. May 14, 1859	

III Laura Ann Croff (dau of Abner 2, John 1) born at Wallingford, Vt., Jul 2, 1830. Married Mar 16, 1853. Caleb Reynolds. He was born at Pine Plains, N. Y. Sep 6, 1811. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade.

Children: (born at Glen's Falls, N. Y.

a. Phorbe A.	b. Jul 21, 1854	M. Edward Arff
b. Julia R.	b. Mar 24, 1861	M. William E. Munsinger
c. George E.	b. Mar 11, 1864	

III Ezra Croff (son of Abner 2, John 1) born probably at Wallingford, Vt., May 23, 1832. Married May 2, 1855, Almeda Porter, dau of Seneca and Mary Porter of Danby, Vt. She was born Dec. 13, 1837, and died Mar 24, 1863, age 25. He served in the Civil War, in Company B, 14th Vermont Regiment, and died at Danby Aug 14, 1863, age 31.

Children: (a. and b. born at Elk River, Minn.; c. at Danby, Vt.

a. Charles Ezra	b. May 18, 1856
b. Laura Ann	b. Jul 18, 1858
c. Mary Elizabeth	b. Feb 8, 1861

III Sarah Croff (dau of Joseph 2, John 1) born at Warren, Mass., Oct 11, 1815. Married in Ware, Mass., Apr 1, 1834, Daniel M. Green of Ware, son of John Green of Warwick, Mass., where he was born. He died in Ware, May 2, 1849, age 38. She married (second) in Ware, Jan 7, 1851, William Clifford of Ware, son of Samuel and Betsey (Hamblin) Clifford of Boscawen, N.H. He was born in Danbury, N. H., Sep 24, 1814. (His second marriage) He married (first) in Ware, Apr 18, 1849, Abigail Green, dau of John Green of Warwick, Mass., where she was born. She died in Ware, June 4, 1850, age 28. He was a carpenter by trade. Sarah died in Ware, Jul 6, 1891, age 75.

Children: (by first marriage; c. born at Warwick, Mass.
d. born at Ware, Mass.

a. a daughter...died in childhood
b. a daughter...died in childhood

c. Sarah Jane Green	b. in Warwick, Mass., Apr 5, 1839 d. in Ware, Nov 20, 1855
d. Daniel Foster	b. in Ware, Mass., Mar 1, 1841 d. in childhood

III Elizabeth Croff (dau of Joseph 2, John 1) born at Warren, Mass., Mar 18, 1818. Married Mayl, 1839, Jonas Leonard of Warwick, Mass. He was born Oct 3, 1814. He died at South Deerfield, Mass., Mar 4, 1865. She married (second) Sep 20, 1868, Warren Stratton of Northfield, Mass. She died Jul 31, 1883, age 65.

Children: (all by the first marriage, born at Warwick, Mass.

a. Elvira Augusta Leonard	b. May 22, 1841	M. Andrew A. Walkins
b. William Franklin	b. Feb 17, 1843	
c. Ellen Jane	b.	d. young
d. Fred Mason	b. Dec 1, 1847	d. Mar 3, 1869
e. Dwight Eugene	b. Feb 9, 1850	d. Sep 5, 1875
f. Edward Everett	b. Aug 22, 1853	M. Ella Chandler
g. Laura Elizabeth	b. May 29, 1857	M. Joseph Herbert Sargent
h. Cora Antoinette	b. Nov 18, 1859	M. Ed. Marcus Turner

III Mary Croff (dau of Joseph 2, John 1) born at Warren, Mass., Jun 15, 1821. Married John Winters of Belchertown, Mass. They lived in Belchertown, also for a time in Sunderland and Enfield, Mass. He died in Enfield, and she married (second) Oct 12, 1858, Soloman Kenfield, son of Arastus and Dollie (Haskins) Kenfield of Belchertown, Jan 20, 1817. They lived in Enfield and Greenwich, Mass., and subsequently returned to Belchertown. She died there Oct 14, 1890, age 69.

Children: (first three Winters, second two Kenfields; first four born at Enfield; e. born at Greenwich, Mass.

a. Electra Winters	b.	d. Mar 1863
b. Fannie Winters	b. May 30, 1853	M. Sewell A. Wilson
c. Frank Winters	b. in Enfield	d. in Enfield
d. Clara Kenfield	b. Aug 1859	d. Jun 1860
e. George B. Kenfield	b. Apr 28, 1863	Anna L. Shaw

IV Ruth Croff (dau of William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) born Oct 31, 1812. Married Theodore Nims of Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y. He was born in Nov 1801.

Children: (

a. Adaline	b. Oct 18, 1828	d. Sep 1854
b. Sophia	b. Mar 1831	d. Mar 1855
c. James W.	b. Sep 20, 1833	
d. Augustus C.	b. Mar 22, 1836	
e. Alexander B.	b. Dec 1838	
f. Margaret	b. Nov 1, 1841	
g. Arcelia	b. Mar 22, 1846	d. Jan 1869
h. Harriet	b. Jul 1848	d. Sep 1863

IV William Cowee Croff (son of Wm. 3, Ezra 2, John 1) born at Sparta, N. Y., Jan 28, 1817. Married in 1839, Julia Ann Boughey, dau of John and Julia Ann (Cocklen) Boughey. She was born at Aurora, O., Nov 5, 1816. She died and he married (second) Eliza Green. She was born Jan 28, 1834, and died at St. George, Utah, Jun 29, 1877. He married (third) Sophia Leicht, who was born in Dudley, Staffordshire, Eng., Jun 1847. After their marriage, they resided at St. George, Washington Co., Utah, where they moved in 1875.

Children: (a., b., c., d., and e. born at Northfield, O.; f. at Lewis, Case Co., Va.

a. William Luther	b. Mar 25, 1840
b. Julia Ann	b. May 25, 1841
c. John Andrew	b. Feb 10, 1843
d. George Arthur	b. Apr 10, 1845
e. Benjamin Lewis	b. Mar 6, 1847
f. Emma Francina	b. July 18, 1856

IV William Cook Croft (son of Joel 3, Joel 2, John 1) born at South Wallingford, Vt., Apr 9, 1829. Married May 25, 1850, Ruth Palmer, dau of Leonard Palmer of Danby, Vt., where she was born Sep 26, 1830. She died Jun 13, 1880, age 50. They lived at South Wallingford until the year 1878 ; then they removed to North Clarendon, Vt., where he resided with his son, owning a large and fertile farm of 275 acres. He also had an interest in a cheese factory.

Children: (born at South Wallingford

a. Leonard F. Croft, b. May 25, 1851. He was educated at St. Lawrence Academy, Canton, N. Y., and Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. He studied Civil and mining engineering, and practised his profession several years in the coal regions of Western, Pa., and elsewhere. He eventually returned to Vermont, and was joint owner with his father of the stock farm at North Clarendon.

b. Jennie Matilda Croft, b. Jul 2, 1854, M. Jan 24, 1877, William Greely Marsh of North Clarendon, Vt., where they later lived He was born Mar 28, 1847.

Children: (born at North Clarendon, Vt.

a. Amy White Marsh	b. Jan 6, 1878
b. Ruth Palmer	b. Jul 17, 1880
c. John Leonard	b. Apr 21, 1882
d. William Croft	b. Oct 2, 1889

IV Alfred Cooley Croft (son of Nathan 3, Joel 2, John 1) born at Greenwich, Mass., Mar 8, 1838. Married Sep 14, 1864, Anna E. Hofstater, dau of James and Susan (Hart) Hofstater of Armenia Juneau Co., Wis. She was born at Suffield, Portage Co., O., Aug 6, 1842. He served his country in the War for the Union, enlisting as sergeant in Company D, 7th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteers, this regiment forming a part of what was know as the "Iron Brigade". He saw much hard service, and was severely wounded at the battle of South Mountain, Sep 14, 1862. By successive promotions he reached the command of his company, and received a brenet commission for meritorious service. Since the war he has been engaged in trade and banking at Luverne, Rock Co., Minn. He was also owner of a stock farm.

Children: (

a. Edward Owen Croft b. Jul 17, 1865

b. Harry Nathan b. Jun 27, 1878

c. Alfred Cooley b. Oct 1884

IV William Nathan Croft (son of Nathan 3, Joel 2, John 1) born at Greenwich, Mass., Mar 28, 1841. Married Jul 4, 1864, Helen Dunbar of Friendship, Adams Co., Wis. They lived at Monroe, Wis., and Stanton, Iowa, and later at Le Mose, Iowa, where he was connected with the Plymouth Rolling Mill, in the capacity of Mill Engineer.

Children: (a. and b. born at Monroe, Wis.; c. at Stanton, Iowa

a. William Adelbert Croft b. Aug 10, 1865 (twin)

b. Nellie Adele b. Aug 10, 1865 (twin)

c. Alfred Ernest b. May 16, 1877

IV John Brigham Croft (son of Nathan 3, Joel 2, John 1) born at Greenwich, Mass., Oct 4, 1844, Married in 1869, Adelaid Mariah Radcliffe, dau of Joseph and Relief (Simonds) Radcliffe of Chicago, Ill. and granddaughter of John and Relief (Croft) Simonds of Ware, Mass. She was born at Hartford, Ct., Apr 18, 1853. They lived at Magnolia, Rock Co., Minn. He entered the lumber business, and later purchased a farm at Magnolia, Minn., where he was engaged in stock raising. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Children: (born at Armenia, Wis.

a. Herbert Croft b. Sep 12, 1870

b. Edith b. Jun 24, 1874

III Abner Croff (Nathan 2, John 1) son of Nathan and Lois (Webster) Croff was born in 1809, likely at Orangeville, Genesee (now Wyoming) Co., N.Y. He was married to Mary Ann Flower, born 1821, by Rev. Jno. Young on Sept 8, 1839 at West Bloomfield, Oakland Co., Michigan, later removed to Flint, Genessee Co., Michigan. He died before 1867, and his wodow married _____ Hibbard. Marn Ann died ca. 1917; she and Abner are buried side by side in the Flint City Cemetary. Mr. Croff was a stone mason by trade. Children:

Charles Webster	b. 27 Jan.1848	d. 30 Jan 1862
Jerome	b. 12 Mar 1848	d. 30 Jan 1862
Orlando Riley	b. 2 Feb 1845;	
George A.	b. 17 Nov 1851	
Frank Edwin	b. 16 Sep 1854	d. 1 Sep 1856
Willard Francis	b. 6 Dec 1856	d. young
Mary Ellen	b. 1859	M. in 1876 at Flint, Mich.; about 1890 they moved to New Orleans, La. Issue: Florence and Emma, both singers.

IV Charles Webster Croff was born probably at West Bloomfield, Oakland Co., Michigan, the son of Abner and Mary Ann (Flower) Croff who are included in the Census of Oakland Co., 1845, about 27 Jan 1842. Mr. Croff of Commerce, enlisted in Company H, First Cavalry, 23 Aug 1861, at Flint, for 3 years, age 18, mustered 4 Sep 1861, discharged for disability Aug 1863. In 1865 he married Mary Ann Fellows of Flint, Genessee Co. Michigan, age 23 years. He married (2) Mary Frances Bird, dau. of Samuel S. and Clara F. (Valentine) Bird of Lapeer Co., Michigan. She died 1886. He died Sep 1927 at Flint, Michigan. Mr. Croff was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

By the first marriage, one daughter Lillian, born 1867, married on 2 May 1895 James W. Parkhill of Flint, Michigan.

By the second marriage(Mary Frances Bird) the children were:

Jessie	b.		d.	1955
Mabel Clare	b.	1878	d.	
Charles Eugene	b.	1875	d.	1935
Walter Jerome	b.	1880	d.	
Harry Webster	b.	1876	d.	1932

IV Roxa Jane Croff (dau of Samuel Eddy 3, Abner, John 1) born at Wallingford, Vt., Aug 8, 1835. Married Jul 10, 1852, David E. Eddy, son of Esak and Cynthia (Dean) Eddy of Clarendon, Vt., where he was born Dec 31, 1827. They lived for many years at Mechanicsville, Vt., where he was engaged in farming. They moved to Ruthland, Vt., in Sep 1892.

Children: (a. born at N. Adams, Mass.; b. and c. at Mechanicsville, Vt.

a. Cynthia Joanna	b. Apr 3, 1857
b. Jennie Elva	b. June 24, 1863
c. Carrie Eliza	b. Dec 7, 1867

IV Angelia Croff (dau of Samuel Eddy 3, Abner 2, John 1) born in Danby, Vt., Aug 15, 1837. Married Dec 6, 1855, Ezra Burke Parker, son of Benjamin and Leafe (Gibson) Parker of Mount Holley, Vt. He was born Nov 4, 1832. They lived at Wallingford, Vt. He was a painter by trade.

Children: (

a. Emma J. Parker, b. Nov 4, 1856, M. Fred C. Fuller, on Jul 5, 1880. Fred was the son of Joseph H and Elvira (Daniels) Fuller of Putney, Vt., where he was born May 12, 1857. After they were married they moved to West Hartford, Ct., where he engaged in farming.

Children: (

a. Leon P. Fuller	b. Oct 22, 1881
b. Leslie C.	b. May 17, 1886
c. Margery	b. Jun 1892

IV Ruth E. Croff (dau of Noble 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Wallingford, Vt., Mar 21, 1835. Married at Huntington, Vt., Mar 4, 1855. Andrew J. Crane, son of Alfred and Phena Crane of Richmond Vt., where he was born Mar 6, 1833. He died at Moretown, Vt., Mar 5, 1873, age 40.

No children

IV Jennie M. Croff (dau of Noble 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Huntington, Vt., Jun 9, 1843. Married at Granville, N. Y., Jun 16, 1864, Napoleon Bissonette, son of Joseph Bissonette. He was born at Hinesburg, Vt., Oct 20, 1844, and died at Miles City, Montana, Dec 13, 1891, age 47.

Children: (born at Richmond, Vt.

a. Tuffiel C. Bissonette	b. Sep 30, 1865	d. Oct 17, 1872
b. Rena L.	b. Mar 29, 1867	M. Dr. Charles S. Whitney, of Miles City, Montana

IV Gilbert Bostwick Croff (son of John Fox 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at South Wallingford, Vt., Jan 18, 1841. Married Eliza Ann Taft, dau of Crispin and Sarah (Clark) Taft of Rutland, Vt., where she was born Jun 25, 1832. They lived at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He was an architect by profession. He received a liberal education, finishing his studies by spending a year or more in Europe. He was an earnest worker, who published several handbooks on architecture, among them, "Model Suburban Architecture", and "Progressive American Architecture".

Children: (

a. Ghittie Micello Croff	b. Aug 12, 1863	d. May 23, 1875

IV Abner Croff (son of John Fox 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Hinesburg, Vt., Oct 14, 1843. Married Nov 15, 1865, August J. Child of Malone, N. Y. She was born Jul 22, 1845. He was a painter by trade, and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Children: (

a. Marion Maud	b. Jun 27, 1871
b. Allan A.	b. Aug 6, 1874

IV Marcella Croff (dau of John Fox 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Starksborough, Vt., Dec 25, 1845. Married at Glen's Falls, N. Y., Mar 11, 1863, Hoah Pearson of Fort Edwards, N. Y. They lived at Norwood, N. Y.

Children: (

a. Harriet Newell	b. at Malone, N. Y. Jul 14, 1866	d. May 18, 1869
b. Arthur E.	b. at Norwood, N. Y. Apr 3, 1870	
c. Clarence	b. at Norwood, N. Y. Dec 23, 1872	
d. Ralph John	b. at Norwood, N. Y. Nov 20, 1879	d. Sep 20, 1883

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IV Delia P. O. Croff (dau of John Fox 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Danby, Vt., Aug 4, 1848. Married at Malone, N. Y., Mar 15, 1865. Edward R. Sellon of Boston, Mass. They lived at East Boston. She died Nov 4, 1878, age 30.

Children: (

a. Warren C. b. May 11, 1871

b. Madaline D. b. Apr 29, 1877

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IV William Henry Croff (son of Daniel Vaughn 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Danby, Vt., Jul 4, 1855. Married Dec 31, 1874, Harriet Calista Boutell, dau of Amos and Margaret Boutell of Danby. She was born Jun 21, 1860. They lived at Danby, where he was a carpenter and painter.

Children: (a., b., c., d., born at Danby, Vt.

a. Emma Fay b. Jun 27, 1876

b. Noble Amos Daniel b. Mar 14, 1878

c. Charles Ezar b. Dec 3, 1882

d. William Philetus b. Jul 7, 1889

IV George Byron Croff (son of Daniel Vaughn 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Danby Vt., May 14, 1859, Married Ida Wheaton, dau of Isaac G. and Emily K. Wheaton of Poultney, Vt. He died May 16, 1888, age 29. She removed to Brattleboro, Vt.

Children: (a. at Mechanicsville, Vt.; b. at Brattleboro, Vt.

a. Henry Allen b. Aug 23, 1882

b. Hugh b. Apr 22, 1885

IV Charles Ezra Croff (son of Ezra 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Elk River, Minn., May 18, 1880. Died at Brooklyn, N.Y., Mar 26, 1881. Married in Feb 1880, Lizzie Groswold of Brooklyn, N.Y. Her parents were from Germany. She has since married again, and lived in New York City. By occupation he was a railroad conductor.

Children: (

a. George Albert Croff b. Nov 24, 1880 d. Apr 1881

IV Laura Ann Croff (dau of Ezra 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Elk River, Minn., Jul 18, 1858. Married at Bennington, Vt., Apr 14, 1875, James Percy Haynes, son of William Henry Harrison and Achsah (Percy) Haynes of Hoosick, N.Y. He was born May 25, 1852. He was a farmer by occupation at Danby Four Corners, Vt., where he died Oct 27, 1892, age 40. (She rendered great and valuable assistance to James and William Crafts in compiling material used in their book "The Crafts Family", published in 1893. We owe much to these people who built the framework, to which we have added new data at a much later date.)

Children: (born at Hoosick, N.Y.

a. Jesse Ezra Haynes b. Jul 6, 1876

IV Mary Elizabeth Croff (dau of Ezra 3, Abner 2, John 1) born at Danby, Vt., Feb 8, 1861. Married Jul 30, 1881, at Chicopee, Mass., George O. Dolph of Manchester, Vt., son of Leonard and Mary (Jane) Dolph of Danby. He was born at Mariah, Essex Co., N.Y., Sep 15, 1852. They later removed to New Trier, Dakota Co., Minn.

Children: (born at Danby, Vt.

a. Almeda b. Oct 28, 1882

b. Charles Earl b. Apr 28, 1884 d. young

c. George Ernest b. Sep 11, 1886

d. Cora b. Sep 2, 1889 d. young

V William Luther Croff (son of William Cowee 4, William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) born at Northfield, O., Mar 25, 1840. Married Mar 7, 1870, Harriet Maria Higley, dau of Clark and Malinda (Cheney) Higley. They moved to Minerstown, Beaver Co., Utah. He was wheelwright by trade, but later followed mining as an occupation.

Children: (a. Tooele City; b. Parowon; c. St. George; d. Provo City; e., f., g., and h. at Minersville, Utah

a. Benjamin Cowee Croff b. Aug 22, 1871

b. Julia Malinda b. Jun 15, 1873

c. William Ellis b. Dec 3, 1876

d. Harriet Geneva b. Aug 13, 1879

e. John Arthur b. Jan 5, 1883

f. Mary Jane b. Apr 14, 1885

g. Joel Daniel b. Apr 29, 1887

h. Adella May b. Apr 2, 1890

V John Andrew Croff (son of William Cowee 4, William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) Born at Northfield, O., 10 Feb 1843. Married at Provo City, Utah, Nov 1871 Hannah Eunice Smith, dau of James and Hannah Smith of Newark, N.J. She was born 9 Jan 1850. They moved to Cascade Co., Montana. He was a blacksmith by trade.

Children: (a, b, c, d, e, born at Utah, Utah; f, born at Maber Co., Montana. The remainder in Cascade Co., Montana; i, in Kirby, Montana.

a. John Arther	b. 19 Nov 1872	
b. Emma Ella	b. 16 Aug 1874	
c. Benjamin B.	b. 31 Mar 1876	
d. Myrtle B.	b. 2 Apr 1878	
e. William	b. 1880	
f. Geneva	b. 7 May 1884	
g. Mamie	b. 24 May 1886	
h. Elmer	b. 17 Jun 1888	
i. Henry Irvin	b. 1891	M. Mable A. Servass

V George Authur Croff (son of William Cowee 4, William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) Born at Northfield, O., 10Apr 1845. Married at Fort Benton, Montana, 3 May 1881, Mamie Maker. She was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin 21 Aug 1858. He was a miner by occupation.

Child: (born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

a. Bernice Croff b, 14 Mar 1884

V Emma Francina Croff (dau of William Cowee 4, William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) Born at Lewis, Cass Co., Iowa, 18 Jul 1856. Married in 1871, Jerome David Roberts, son of Levi and Elizabeth (Lambert) Roberts of Portage Co., O., He was born at Lewistown, Fulton Co., Illinois, 19 Mar 1852. They moved to Lewisville, Brigham Co., Idaho. He was a potter by trade.

Children: (

a. Rachel	b. 17 Sep 1873 at Provo City	d. young
b. Julia Elizabeth	b. 19 Oct 1874 at Provo City	d. young
c. Clara Estella	b. 5 Dec 1876 at Logan	
d. Mary Jane	b. 13 Jan 1878 at Brigham City	
e. Ann Ellen	b. 17 Feb 1880 at Logan	
f. Harriet May	b. 7 May 1883 at Panguich	
g. David Luther	b. 7 Aug 1885 at Cedar City	
h. Harmon Clark	b. 22 Feb 1888 at Lewisville, Idaho	

IV Dr. Ganson Webster Croff(son of Dr. Orlando 3, Nathan 2, John 1) Born 1 Apr 1845 at Bethany, N.Y., the son of Dr. Orlando Riley and Mary Elisa (Chadwick) Croff, he married on July 3, 1865. Clarilda Sendona Brainard, born 6 Apr 1846 at Middlebury, N.Y., the dau. of Edmund and Alzina Axuba (Howe) Brainard. Dr. Ganson Webster Croff was a practising physician at Bethany, N.Y. He died 22 Mar 1893 at Bethany, N.Y. His wife died on 5 Dec 1916 at Buffalo, N.Y.

Children: (born at Bethany, N.Y.)

a. Orlando Riley	b. 12 Mar 1867	d. Nov 1897 at Batavia, N.Y.
b. Charles Cone	b. 10 Dec 1869	d. 24 Jun 1884 at Batavia, N.Y.
c. Dr. James Brainard	b. 3 Aug 1871	d. 31, Jan 1927 at Buffalo, N.Y. On 25 Dec 1901, he married at Buffalo, N.Y. Dr. Carro Julia Cummings who now lives at Miami Beach, Florida. (1953)
d. Dorothy Belle	b. 13 Apr 1873	She married (1) on 23 Jun 1897 at Batavia, N.Y. Dr. Frank L. Tazier who died in Apr 1906 at Batavia. She married (2) Dr. Charles W. Stickle 20 Sep 1910. He died 6 Mar 1931 at Brooklyn, N.Y.
e. Mary Alzina	b. 24 Jul 1875	d. 11 Feb 1877 at Bethany, N.Y.
f. Myra Effie	b. 7 June 1877	d. 4 Dec 1937 at Batavia, N.Y. M. Daniel Webb Tomlinson 25 Aug 1906 at Batavia.
g. Betsey Lois	b. 14 May 1879	d. 2 Apr 1950 at Scarsdale, N.Y. M. Albert G. von Haupt 28 Dec 1898 at Batavia, N.Y.
h. Ganson Webster	b. 16 July 1882	Married 12 Jun 1909 at Lockport, N.Y. Mary Louise Stainthorpe of Lockport, N.Y.
i. Clara May	b. 3 May 1884	Married 21 Aug 1917 at N.Y. City, Thomas H. Stilwell of Philadelphia, Pa.
j. Deborah Olive	b. 8 Oct 1880	

Albert G. and Betsey von Haupt had Lois Croff von Haupt who was born 8 Oct 1901 at Buffalo, N.Y. and M. 11 Sep 1926 at New York City, Henry H. Dean of Scarsdale, N.Y.

Children:

Henry	b. 6 Aug 1927 at Scarsdale, N.Y. Married 3 Feb 1951 at Cleveland, Ohio, Caroline Bruner of Cleveland: one son, Kenneth Webster Dean born 15 Oct 1952 in California.

Thomas H. and Clara Stilwell have two children. Tom, b. 8 Jun 1923 at Paoli, Pa. and Jean, b. 29 Oct 1928 at Paoli, Pa.

Ganson W. and Mary Croff had one son, Charles Stainthorpe Croff, who was born at Lockport, N.Y. 10 Nov 1912, and M. 5 July 1941 at Lockport, Margaret Morau of Lockport, N.Y.

Children:

a. Margo	b. 16 Jan 1945 at Buffalo, N.Y.
b. Debbie	b. 12 Mar 1947 at Lockport, N.Y.
c. Cynthia	b. 19 Aug 1951 at Lockport, N.Y.

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Among his several children is Mrs. Mitchell's father, Henry Irvin Croff, born 1891 at Kirby, Montana. Married Mabel A. Servass, daughter of Frank A. and Susanna (Welwood) Servass, who was born at Monarch, Montana in 1894 and died at Monarch in 1946, with issue:

(1) Emma A., born 1914 at Monarch, Montana, married Bernard Young of Bob Cave, Montana, with issue: (a) John Rudolph, born 1937 at Great Falls, Montana, (b) Carl Christopher, born 1939 at Great Fall, Montana.

(2) George A. Croff, born 1914 at Monarch, Montana, married Doreen Savage, with issue: (a) George Henry Croff, born 1948 at Great Falls, Montana, (b) John Luther Croff, born 1950 at Great Falls, Montana.

(3) Wallace Irvin Croff, born 1915 at Monarch, Montana, married Eleanor Hansen, with issue: (a) Constance, born 1943 at Great Falls, Montana.

(4) Ethel E. Croff, born 1917 at Neihart, Montana, married George Mitchell in 1937, issue: (a) Daniel A., born 1939 at Great Falls, Montana, (b) Patrick Henry, born 1941 at Great Falls, Montana, (c) Bonita A., born 1943 at Great Falls, Montana, (d) Susan A., born 1945 at Great Falls, Montana.

(5) Henry Marvin Croff, born 1922 at Armington, Montana, married in 1947 Lylis Doyle of Butte, Montana, with issue: (a) Patty Jo, born 1947 at Great Falls, Montana, (b) Christopher Joseph, born 1948 at Great Falls, Montana.

Benjamin Cowee Croff VI (son of William Luther 5)(38)(William Cowee 4, William 3, Ezra 2, John 1) born at Toole City, Utah 22 Aug 1871.

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